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For : FLAMERESISTANT ABS POLYCARBONATE
MOULDABLE MATERIALS
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DECLARATION

I, Thomas Eckel, residing at Pfauenstr. 51, 41540 Dormagen, Germany, declare as follows:

- 1) that I have the following technical education and experience:
 - a) I am a chemist having studied at the Phillips-Universität of Marburg, Germany, from 1978 to 1987,
 - b) I received the degree of doctor rer. nat. at the Phillips-Universität of Marburg in the year of 1987,
 - c) I am employed by Bayer AG since July 1987 in the Research Department especially handling polymer blends;
- 2) that I am one of the inventors of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/485,288, filed July 2, 2000
- 3) that the following tests were carried out under my immediate supervision and control:

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Experimental results

Component A

A linear polycarbonate based on bisphenol A, with a relative solution viscosity of 1.252, as measured in CH₂Cl₂ as the solvent at 25 °C and at a concentration of 0.5 g/100 ml.

Component B

A graft polymer of 45 parts by weight of a copolymer of styrene and acrylonitrile in a ratio of 72:28 on 55 parts by weight of particulate, crosslinked polybutadiene rubber (average particle diameter d₅₀ 0.3 µm), produced by emulsion polymerisation.

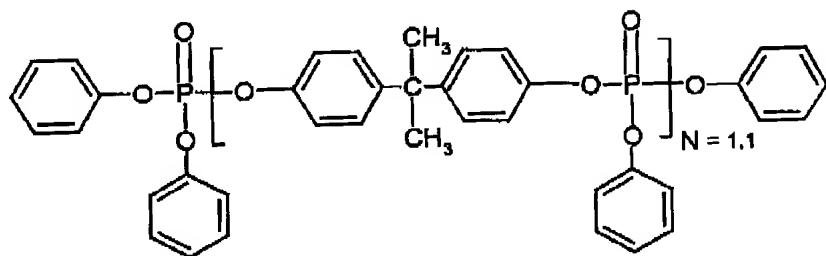
Component B1

- as Component B, but average particle diameter d₅₀ 0.4 µm

Component C

A styrene/acrylonitrile copolymer with a ratio by weight of styrene/acrylonitrile of 72:28 and a limiting viscosity 0.55 dl/g (as measured in dimethylformamide at 20 °C).

Component D 4



Component E

PTFE: polytetrafluoroethylene
used as PTFE/ABS masterbatch (wt. ratio 10:90)
ABS: component B

Component F

Pural® 200, a Aluminumoxid hydroxide (average particle diameter of 50 nm) of Fa. Condea, Hamburg, Deutschland, corresponding to a Boehmite as described in US-A 5,849,827 (col. 10, lines 30-33).

Production and testing of moulding compositions

The components were mixed in a 3-litre internal kneader. Mouldings were produced in an Arburg Type 270 E injection moulding machine at 260 °C.

The tensile modulus of elasticity was determined according to DIN 53 457/ISO 527.

The tensile strength (tensile test) was determined according to ISO 527/DIN 53 455.

Vicat B was determined according to DIN 53460.

Table

		Ex.1 according to the invention	Ex. 2 comparison
Components	A	65.7	65.7
	B	7.0	-
	B 1	-	7.0
	C	7.5	7.5
	D.4	14.0	14.0
	E	4.5	4.5
	F	0.8	0.8
	release agent	0.5	0.5
Vicat B 120	[°C]	99	99
tensile modulus of elasticity	[N/mm ²]	2579	2460
tensile strength	[N/mm ²]	63.6	61.3
percentage elongation at break	[%]	52.5	42.3

The comparison examples only differ in the particle size of the graft polymer B and B 1. The compositions according to the invention contains a graft polymer having an average particle size of 0.3 µm which is within the claimed scope of the particle size of 0.2 µm to 0.35 µm. The comparative composition contains a graft polymer having an average particle size of 0.4 µm which is outside of the claimed scope of particle size. It can be seen that the Example 1 according to the invention exhibit a better tensile strength, tensile modulus of elasticity as well as percentage elongation at break than a composition according to US-A 5,849,827 (Ex. 2)

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Signed at Dormagen, 10. April 2003

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